

EDITORIALS

Impetus for Building

Easier mortgage terms shortly will extend and accelerate an already healthy home construction business. New records can be expected, particularly in the Torrance area where records are almost commonplace.

Under the recent Act signed by President Eisenhower, encouragement to the individual wanting to build a better type home is given. Generally speaking, the industry has provided amazingly attractive features in the so-called tract home. While there has been a trend to ginger-bread finishes, builders wisely have gone all out in providing functionally attractive kitchens and bathrooms. Compared to even the high-priced home of two decades ago the modern tract home excels in these two important areas.

There is, however, a distinct need for the better home in Torrance. Sound reasons for development of a district of finer housing exist in Torrance and it is to be hoped that availability of mortgage money will encourage quality building.

Personal Savings Up

An encouraging economic factor is the latest report of both the Government and life-insurance companies, which shows that savings are continuing to increase. Figures released recently indicate that Americans are putting up as much, or more, money this year than they did in 1953.

These savings go into U.S. savings bonds, into life insurance, bank deposits and other forms of savings.

The U.S. Treasury reports that in the first six months of 1954 it sold thirteen per cent more "E" and "H" savings bonds than it had in the first six months of 1953—a boom year. The Institute of Life Insurance has reported record purchases of new policies in the same period.

It is also reported that accident and health insurance policy purchases are higher this year than in 1953. The significance of these increases is to be seen when it is realized that total personal income in the United States is definitely down from the record total of 1953.

The combined effect of these statistics shows clearly that the average American is hedging for a rainy day, and increasingly turning his attention to the future and his future security. In spite of the fact that there is more job security and Government-aid in this field than ever before, Americans are increasing their savings even while the nation's personal income total decreases slightly.

United States' Friend

President Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines recently came to the defense of the United States in the aftermath of excitement and counter-charges following the aerial clash between the United States and China off Hainan Island. Magsaysay, who set an example for the world to see in riding the Philippines of Communist guerrillas, told his comrades the Philippines must take sides in the struggle between Communism and Democracy.

Magsaysay was answering Philippine Senate leader Claro M. Recto. Recto is the foreign policy spokesman for the majority Nationalist Party in the Philippine Legislature.

In addition to telling Philippines they must take sides in the worldwide battle between Communism and Democracy, Magsaysay advocated that the Philippines join the mutual security pact being advocated by the United States for Asia and he rejected a role of neutrality, such as has been suggested by some Philippine legislative leaders.

Magsaysay's attitude makes it apparent once again that the United States is fortunate in having a far-sighted and friendly leader now in office in the Philippines. Magsaysay's attack on Prime Minister Nehru's policy of neutrality is a significant blow in the ideological battle among Asiatics.

It will be interesting to note the outcome of the furor caused by the proposal to open up legalized gambling in Ensenada. Conceivably, that attractive section of Baja California could become real competition for Las Vegas, particularly in the summer months when a trip to Nevada over desert roads is an ordeal.

Against stupidity the gods themselves fight in vain. —J. C. F. Schiller

Study as if you were to live forever. Live as if you were to die tomorrow. —Isidore of Seville



LAW IN ACTION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Several questions about wills have come to this column. Suppose you try to answer them. The true answers are given at the bottom. Here are the questions:

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| 1. Suppose the witnesses to a formal will die. Does the will become void? | Yes | No |
| 2. Is property in joint tenancy exempt from inheritance tax? | ..... | ..... |
| 3. When a person dies without a will does the method of determining his heirs rest upon whether the property is separate or community property? | ..... | ..... |
| 4. For purposes of inheritance, does a step child not legally adopted have the same status as a natural child? | ..... | ..... |
| 5. Suppose a will leaves property to a member of the family, who dies before the maker of the will. Does the property go to the children of such person in the absence of any other provisions? | ..... | ..... |
| 6. May a will be revoked without the consent of the main beneficiary of the will? | ..... | ..... |
| 7. Suppose a person is a joint tenant of property. Is he automatically required by law to choose between the joint tenancy property and the provisions made for him in the will of the other joint tenant? | ..... | ..... |
| 8. May a will be changed only by a new will, or by codicil to the original will? | ..... | ..... |
| 9. Do changes in marital status affect joint tenancies and gifts? | ..... | ..... |

Here are the correct answers: (1) No. (2) No. (3) Yes. (4) No. (5) Yes. (6) Yes. (7) No. (8) Yes, although the will-maker may revoke the will entirely by destroying it intentionally. (9) No.

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

The "Angel"



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. This article will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

Headlines of the Future

Pacific Island disappears from view thru volcanic earthquakes! . . . Strange aircraft sighted over Paris! . . . Violent storms sweep Panama Canal Zone! . . . Noted funnyman found suicide! . . . Religious revival sweeps Iron Curtain Nations! . . . Greenland booms as new important airbase in Atlantic! . . . Polluted waters in Mississippi cause death of thousands of fish! Gambling and chance games barred from Carnival midways by state order! . . . Microfilming of all government records ordered in case of disaster to Washington, D. C. . . . New method of skin grafting proves great success! . . . German scientist warns against coming danger of colliding planets! . . . Political unrest sweeps North African ports! Watch October 12th for most dramatic incident of the year 1954! . . .

A Very Famous Prediction: Napoleon and his predictions have long been the discussion of historians. Napoleon was most adept at "day-dreaming" and would often tell Marshall Ney of his visions. "Let the Czar of Russia beware a hundred and two years from today, if he wears a beard!" said Napoleon in 1815. In exactly a hundred years, Czar Nicholas and his family were cruelly murdered in the basement of their palace—and Czar Nicholas was the first Czar to wear a beard in over 100 years! Napoleon also predicted that American power would triumph in 1950, women would rule the world as did the Amazons at one time, and that England would come to grief in 1959! His other prophecies have come true — will these last two predictions made in 1815? We are waiting!

For People and Places: Edgar Rice Burroughs, Your famed "Tarzan" will emerge as an opera for the next Metropolitan season! . . . Moon-socket: Prepare for a new industrial boom in your area due to a new plastic invention! . . . Jenny Lind: You will be played on the screen by Margaret Truman! . . . San Francisco: Your next scandal will concern the exchange of wives between two city officials! . . . Hoagy Carmichael: You will write the score for the forthcoming "Hoosier Schoolboy" musical! . . . Boston: Barron's Business Index will move to Wall Street within three months! . . . Rachel Mussolini: Your autobiography will reveal many truths never before known about your famed dictator husband! . . . Texas: Your borders will be closed due to the illegal entry of many unwanted foreign born!

Women Who Will Make News: The late Countess Dorothy

Di Frasso will be the subject of a coming Hollywood film and will show how alcohol can bring the ruination of an individual! . . . Christine Jorgensen: will publish her full autobiography in two parts. Part one will be labeled "His" and part two "Hers" . . . Clara Barton, the founder of the Red Cross, will have a public square named in her honor in Baltimore, Maryland! . . . Senator Margaret Chase Smith will be sent to Europe on a mission which she will report fully to the Congress and also to the general public, which will shock you! . . . Mrs. Richard Nixon will have her own television and radio program once a week which will give a personal insight into the life of the Vice-president's wife!

Dear Criswell: My husband is quite a coffee drinker, but he just raises the devil if I dare to water the coffee pot. Coffee is so expensive, and I hate to throw out half a pot of it, so I usually add more water and fresh coffee to a half-filled pot. He threw a cup of it in my face the other day and used very abusive language. What will happen to our finances? MRS. E. B. A.

My dear Mrs. E.B.A.: You are on a very strict household budget, and I suggest you outline this in detail to your husband. If he insists on a fresh pot of coffee at all times, you should demand that he give you more money for shopping. Don't be so easy with this man, for he is just a bully. . . .

Dear Criswell: This situation is absolutely ghastly. I thought everything was straightened out, but now I find that this mess is worse than ever. I can't see any way out, and have even thought of suicide. Is there any chance that my mind will find relief? ELLA 6904

My dear Ella: Bide your time, and do not enter any further discussion concerning this matter. These people will soon forget what happened if you act as if it means nothing to you. Do not worry, for this was not your fault and you were merely a victim of circumstance.

Dear Brenda: I advise you to take the part of the mother in this particular play, and I am returning your copy of the script. I feel you can do justice to this role, for it is much more sympathetic than that of the heroine, which is simply not your type. I know your husband will sit up and take notice when he sees you perform. . . .

Dear Criswell: When my son passed away, life seemed to end for me. He was the victim of a fatal accident, and the driver of the car that struck him has just asked me to become his wife. I think he's simply trying to ease my heartache. I don't love this man, how could I? Should I accept, as I'm so lonely? EUNICE G. H.

My dear Eunice: I do not feel you should marry this man, for seeing him will always remind you of your late son. You should join your church social group, for you need company, and I know you will meet someone through this group who will make you a wonderful companion. My prayers are with you and I know your future will soon find a comforting happiness. . . .

Dear Criswell: My body is so black and blue and wracked with pain I can hardly move. This man beats me every day even when I don't open my mouth. He seems to enjoy hearing me scream. Once the police came to the house and he told them I fell down the stairs. I'm so afraid of him, but if I go on like this he'll kill me. Please help me, I'm desperate. MRS. R. W. 4004

My dear Mrs. R. E.: Leave this man at once and report him to the police. He is a sadistic and cruel person and has treated you with a barbarity that is unbelievable. You must be protected, and you must seek this protection through the law. If you remain with him your life will be seriously endangered and you have suffered enough. . . .

THE MAIL BOX

Riviera Parking
Editor,
Torrance Herald
Attn: Riviera Columnists
We certainly agree with you about parking on both sides of the street. It's downright dangerous and we'd be putting ourselves out so very little to show some real consideration for everyone else.
D. P. Beaver
221 Via Los Miradores

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

TORTURE CHAMBERS—A Burbank engineering firm specializes in the design and construction of special "torture chambers" used to reproduce Florida mildew and other weather franks for testing aircraft components. It was reported on the business page of a downtown newspaper this week. Plane parts destined to be used in Florida must undergo rigid tests to make sure they will stand up under the weather condition there, the report said. An enterprising Chamber of Commerce official should be able to make something out of that.

SOME REASSURANCE—From here on, journalists will probably have a little more respect for definitions they find in the dictionary propped up in the new-room for their guidance. The new definition of the word "journalist" in the G. & C. Merriam is fairly descriptive of the present usage. Since 1934, however, the definition has read: "Characteristic of journalism or journalists; hence, of style, characterized by evidence of haste, superficiality of thought, inaccuracies of detail, colloquialisms, and sensationalism; journalistic."

Thanks to the efforts of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, the dictionary editors have given the word another look. . . .

NEW FRONTIERS—German Student Max Will, who is here to attend Torrance High School on an AFSIS scholarship, has started his conversion to Western living already. The first party he attended this week featured tacos and pizza. . . .

HIGH RENT—During a discussion of terms for leasing highway frontage on the Torrance Municipal Airport by City Councilmen this week, Councilman Albert Isen recommended that the city enter into a lease for a piece of property 150 ft. by 300 ft. at the rate of \$3 per square foot. His motion was immediately seconded by Councilman Willis G. Blount, but never came to a vote when someone hastily figured out that it would cost the lessee \$45,000 a month to lease the property. The lease was authorized at \$1 per front foot, or \$150 a month. . . .

NAME GAME—Bill Cool is the sales manager of an engineering firm which builds special test chamber which will drop temperatures to as low as 140 degrees below zero to test aircraft parts. . . .

Washington Notes

A "SOFT LINE"
Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith predicts that the Communists will follow a "soft line" to lure the Free World into a sense of false security and seek, by subversion, infiltration and propaganda to reach goals either sought by force. The Reds he insists, must be resisted by economic, political and social help, as well as by military aid. . . .

PHILANTHROPY
Gifts and bequests of \$1,000 or more in ten large city areas of this country totaled \$374,980,710 for the first six months of this year. During the same period in 1953, the total was \$247,479,097. . . .

RAILROADS
The nation's railroads, which last year lost a record \$704,600,000 on passenger service are seeking to recover economic strength by pleas for permission to abandon service on more unprofitable lines. . . .

CANADIAN ORES
The first iron ore from the fabulously rich Ungava fields, near Seven Islands, Canada, was recently shipped by freighter to the United States. The opening of the mineral deposit, deep in the Canadian woods, is expected to strengthen defense and economic planning. . . .

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Editor's Note: John Morley was in and out of Indo-China 12 times since 1950. This is his second of three articles on the French defeat in Indo-China to appear in the Herald and other newspapers in the U.S. and abroad.

Independence, Not Communism
Every Viet-Minh prisoner I talked to in Indo-China believed he was fighting for independence, not for Communism. Every prisoner interviewed considered Ho Chi Minh, the Red leader, a crusader for freedom, not for Communism. In Indo-China the issue was, and is . . . Independence, not Communism, with the native people. The hundreds of thousands who followed Ho blindly, followed what they thought was a banner of freedom, not the philosophy of Karl Marx or the Communist Manifesto.

When will the free-world awaken to the naked truth that millions of exploited, hopeless, starving people will follow the devil himself if he promises food, and some hope for the future. Communism to colonial people is a strange controversial word. They are too hungry, too weak to sit down and define terminology. . . .

The warnings by the French and the free-world on the perils of Communism fell on deaf ears. The Christian missionaries promised the natives freedom "some day" in my presence in these missions the natives shouted "Why not freedom now?" And the missionaries shook their heads. But Ho Chi Minh didn't. With a conspiracy clefted fist he called on them to follow him to "freedom," while Communist atheist slavery was being another trap. . . .

French officers in Indo-China told me, Scripps-Howard Pacific Chief Jim Lucas and AP's Russell Brines (who accompanied Vice President Nixon to Indo-China), that in a showdown they could not count on 10 per cent of the Vietnamese against Ho Chi Minh. The French knew it and the U.S. had ample warning. For seven years the French did practically nothing and the U.S. helped them to do just that, while pouring billions into the hopeless, halfhearted war. The French groomed Ho Chi Minh as the lesser of two evils, in their futile attempt to hold onto colonial empire. . . .

Blundering Allies Created Ho Chi Minh
Ho Chi Minh means . . . "the one who shines." The French watched him "shine" for 25 years. They first arrested him in Paris in 1919 for taking part in Communist violence. Indo-China was then just another French colony. Ho's tubercular hoarseness prevents him from oratory. He is an inside man, an organizer and conspirator, magna cum laude-Moscow, class of 1920. He returned to Asia, after a stay in the United States, with Russia's hatchet man in China, Borodin, and by 1930 was out on his own organizing the Indo-China Communist party. . . .

In 1939 he founded the Viet-minh . . . "The League for Indo-China Independence." To this day this slogan appears on all Red advertising in Indo-China, just as the "independence line" is featured in bold relief on all Communist propaganda in colonial areas. . . .

He was arrested and imprisoned by the Chinese Nationalists while engaged in espionage activities inside China, but at the insistence of the U.S., France and Britain released in 1942. He returned to Asia, after sabotaging the Japanese occupation of Indo-China. The allies even requested Chiang Kai-shek to give Ho U.S. military supplies to be used against the Japanese. . . .

Ho was biding his time while helping the U.S. 14th Air

force in raids and rescue missions off the Indo-Chinese coast, by storing arms and supplies parachuted to him by U.S. planes. After the Japanese surrender Ho proclaimed himself commander-in-chief of the democratic republic of Viet-Nam and marched triumphantly into Hanoi on September 1, 1945. . . .

On March 5, 1946 the French assembly in Paris recognized Ho Chi Minh's new "republic." Ho immediately opened negotiations with the French for complete independence which the French refused. On Christmas night, 1946, Ho ordered his Communist gangsters to murder 200 wealthy Europeans and Chinese in the residential district of Hanoi who opposed him, and started the long war. . . .

What began as a limited guerrilla-action turned into a large scale war when the Chinese Communists defeated the Nationalists and Russia joined Red China in full scale assistance to the Communists in Asia. Simultaneously with the Communist attack across the 38th parallel in Korea on June 25, 1950, Ho Chi Minh began heavy pressure against the French, which resulted in the total victory and armistice at his terms a few weeks ago, in the most humiliating French defeat since the fall of the Maginot line to Hitler. . . .

U. S. Military Aid Not Enough
Even if the U.S. had intervened to save Indo-China from Communism, it would have been a short-lived victory. Communism, riding falsely under the banner of "freedom," had gained such popular support that it would have been a matter of time when another rebellion would be launched toward independence. . . .

Now that France has given Indo-China its long due independence, they removed some of the appeal of the Communists. The fact that France granted independence only after its defeat by the Communists still provides Ho with a strong propaganda hand. In the showdown to come, when the Communists are called upon to fulfill their promise of freedom inside the state of Viet-Minh, the real task of reconstruction will begin for the native people of Indo-China. . . .

If the Reds follow the usual money pattern of "freedom" they employed in other ensnared areas, the time may not be too far off when the Indo-Chinese people will win genuine freedom of their own, by throwing out the Communists in short order, with a heart that was lacking in the seven and a half year French-Viet-Minh war. . . .

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THINGS TO TALK ABOUT
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WELCOME TO NORTH DAKOTA

WHO'S BOY?
ALIK'S
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MONEY

NORTH DAKOTA WAS THE FIRST STATE TO REQUIRE THE LISTING OF DRUGS FORMING DEPENDS ON THE LABELS OF PRESENT MEDICINE BOTTLES. ESTABLISHED THE PRACTICE WHICH EVENTUALLY DROVE NARCOTICS OUT OF THESE ELIXIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BUILDING WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EMPLOYS ABOUT 60,000 PERSONS, 10,000 OF WHOM ARE IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

Modern steel drilling methods are believed to have introduced with the Chinese who employed many of these techniques as far back as 220 B.C. in searching for oil.